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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT/RESPONSE IN APPLICATION

SIR:

In response to the Office Action of September 1, 2010 and pursuant to the filing of the enclosed request for continued examination (RCE), Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner consider the amendments made to the patent application as follows.

Applicant respectfully submits that the claim amendments presented herein should be entered in the application and place the application in a condition for allowance. Allowance is based upon the unexpected activity which is exhibited by the compounds in the method claims as presented herein. The declaration of Dr. Richard Hochberg, Professor of Obstetrics/Gynecology and Reproductive Sciences of the Comprehensive Cancer Center, Yale University School of Medicine, was previously enclosed in support of the non-obviousness and patentability of the present invention vis-à-vis the cited prior art. Applicant supplies one new claim (claim in order that the Examiner issues a first non-final office action